

FORM B - BUILDING

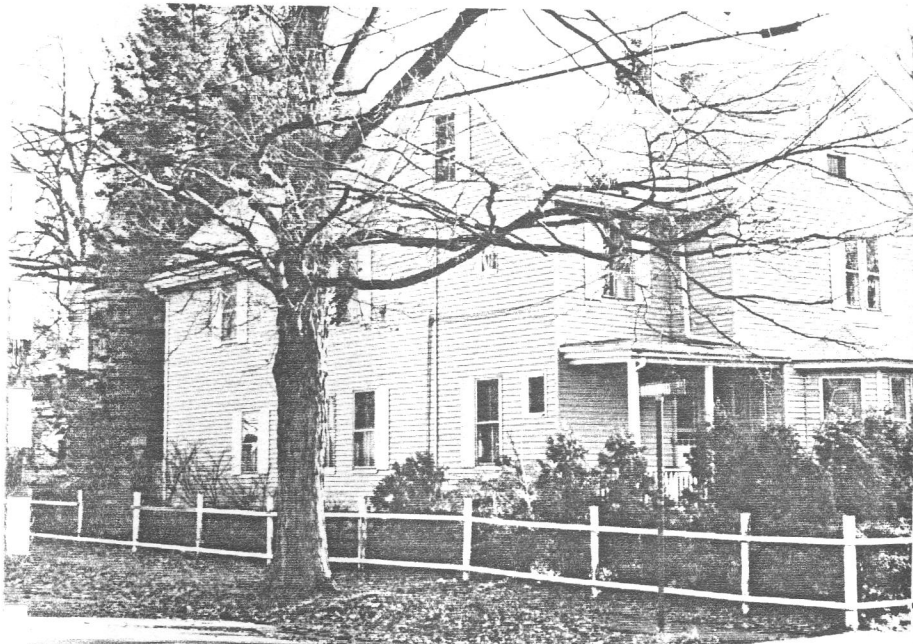
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

A, H

Form no.

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City Lexington  
Address 15 Meriam Street  
Name Farnsworth-Tucker House  
Present use residence  
Present owner \_\_\_\_\_  
Description:  
Date 1875-1889  
Source Maps  
Style Queen Anne

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Exterior wall fabric clapboard  
Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other features left entrance door-projecting  
crossable to right side fr. ground level to  
roof ridge-3 sided bay w dentil cornice trim  
Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate distance of building from street  
25'

6. Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

rectangular window panes in entrance - carved brackets in gable - 2x2 fence w. greenery  
running at side walk line around house - cross gable on left side - veranda to left front -  
back appears to have been extended beyond original - contemporary shutters on windows.

This was Arthur F. Tucker's home in the early 1900s, from c. 1910 to 1927. He was a clerk in his father's dry goods store in Lexington Center, and later owned and operated the store as A.F. Tucker. In its last years, the store was located where Harvard/Bay Bank is now. Arthur Tucker was an amateur vocalist and was in great demand for social functions; he sang with others, also, with musical accompaniment.

In the 1930s and 1940s, this was the home of the Hopkins family. A daughter, Elizabeth Hopkins Corkum, established a medical lab testing service, which eventually developed into the Lexington Medical Laboratory, now headquarters on Clarke Street.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Town  
LEXINGTON

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House at 15 Meriam Street is visible at right in this undated photograph.

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